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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending, with claims 11-35 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claim 4 has been amended by rewriting it in independent form, claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from claim 4. Claims 4-10 remain pending upon entry of this Amendment, with claim 4 being the sole pending claim in independent form.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by Liu (US 2004/0091011 A1).

The Office Action also indicated that claims 4-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

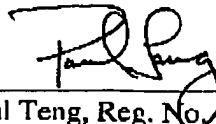
By this Amendment, claim 4 has been amended by rewriting it in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, claim 1 has been canceled, and claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from claim 4.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 4 and the claims depending therefrom are now allowable. Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, and to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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